

MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMUNICATIONS DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

Date: February 24, 2004

Time: 10:20 a.m. CDT

Location: Big Tennessee Room, Ground Floor
Cordell Hull Building
425 Fifth Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37247-1010

Members Present: Lisa Davidson, Chair
Catherine Ambrose
Donna Schwaber
Brian Burkey, MD
Dr. Melinda Richards

Members Absent: Mr. Kent Lillie
Mr. Dan Orchik

Staff Present: Bonnie Ferrell, Board Administrator
Ernest Sykes, Attorney, Office of General Counsel
Robbie Bell, Director
Dianne Birkner, Unit Manager
Lea Phelps, Disciplinary Coordinator

A quorum being present, the Board meeting was called to order by Ms. Lisa Davidson at 10:20 a.m.

Office of General Counsel

Mr. Ernest Sykes reminded the Board members of their responsibilities under the conflict of interest policy and requested that any member who had not already done so to sign the conflict of interest policy.

Mr. Sykes presented the Office of General Counsel report and presented the status of the following rule changes:

- A. 1370-1-.03, .09, .15 – Exemption, on-line renewal, delete informal settlements; became effective October 5, 2003.
- B. 1370-.05, .06, .10, .14 – Master's degree transcript and practicum, Speech Language Pathology Assistant fees, Clinical Fellow registration procedure,

Speech Language Pathology Assistant qualification; sent to Attorney General on October 13, 2003 for review and approval.

- C. 1370-1-.03, .05, .06 – Necessity of licensure or registration, Qualified applicants may practice while application is being considered, No renewal fee for inactive volunteers; sent to the Attorney General on November 4, 2003 for review and approval.
- D. 1370-1-.15 – Order Modification; compliance, appearance, assessing costs; Authorized by the Attorney General on October 28, 2003, Rulemaking hearing held on December 23, 2003.

After much discussion the Board requested a Rulemaking Hearing regarding the following:

- A. Remove rule 1370-1-.05(3)(n), which states that a reciprocity applicant may practice in Tennessee pending disposition of his or her application. The Board feels that the provision is unnecessary given other provisions which allow applicants to practice for a certain amount of time without being licensed, and that the provision may give rise to confusion.
- B. Change the definition of Clinical Fellow, rule 1370-1-.01(11), to read “A Speech Language Pathologist or Audiologist who is in the process of obtaining his paid professional experience as defined by ASHA before being qualified for licensure. For the purposes of this chapter, a Clinical Fellow includes a fourth year audiology student.”

Policy Statement

Ms. Catherine Ambrose made a motion to adopt the following policy statement: “ The Board of Communications Disorders and Sciences recognizes that fourth year audiology students who are in the process of obtaining their paid professional experience are eligible to register as Clinical Fellows. Accordingly, the Board will accept Clinical Fellow Applications from fourth year audiology students”. Dr. Melinda Richards seconded the motion and it carried. The Board requested that Ms. Bonnie Ferrell notify the Universities of this policy.

Rules

Ms. Robbie Bell reviewed the amendments to rules 1370-1-.15, that went to rulemaking hearing on December 23, 2003. The Board took a roll call vote, and all voted to accept the amendments as written.

Break

The Board took a lunch break at 11:45pm until 12:10pm.

Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Brian Burkey to accept the minutes of the November 11, 2003 Board meeting. Ms. Donna Schwaber seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Investigative Report

Ms. Lea Phelps reported that only one new complaint has been received this calendar year.

Disciplinary Status Report

Ms. Phelps reported that there were no disciplinary actions being monitored at this time. Ms. Phelps explained that if a licensee is disciplined, the disciplinary coordinator follows up on any action that is required of the licensee.

Financial Status Report

Ms. Bonnie Ferrell reported that the Board had \$81,378 cumulative carryover at June 30, 2003.

Administrators/Directors Report

Ms. Ferrell presented the administrative report, regarding the following:

- A. Number of Active licensees, Retired Licensees and those in Failed to Renew.
- B. That we are well within our goal for performance measures.
- C. That there is still a freeze on all out of state travel.
- D. Reported on the 2002 Continuing Education Audit.
- E. Reported that the staff has imaged 722 files out of 2833.

Ratifications

A motion was made by Dr. Richards and seconded by Ms. Schwaber to ratify the attached list of Speech Pathologist reinstatements . The motion carried.

A motion was made by Dr. Burkey and seconded by Ms. Ambrose to ratify the attached list of newly licensed Speech Pathologists and Audiologist. The motion carried.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Mr. Burkey motioned to adjourn. Dr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Ratification List For February 24, 2003

SPEECH

1. Alatorre, Carol A.
2. Ball, Amy-Jo – TX
3. Bauer, Kellie Lynn
4. Bland, Trina Londra
5. Bloustine, Karen
6. Brown, Charlette
7. Cunningham, Melissa A.
8. Duncan, Ginger M.
9. Fiaranelli, Mia C.
10. Fracchia, Alecia Ann
11. Griggs, Rachel Marie
12. Horton-Ikard, RaNonda
13. Jacobson, Barbara Jane
14. Kleeman, Kimberly Michelle - GA
15. Konvalinka, Imogene
16. Koonce, Vicki Ruth
17. Lancaster, Kathryn Ruth
18. Mallott, Jennifer R.
19. Mathews, Anne M. – MO
20. Maxwell, Laura Karen
21. Newman, Connie Meyer
22. Patterson, Lisa G.
23. Pollock, Wendy L.
24. Prasad, Ravi Shankar
25. Prasad, Shital R.
26. Proctor-Williams, Kerry
27. Prunty, Hollie A.
28. Puckett, Ellie Marie
29. Rice, Jody E. – VA, TN
30. Rugan, Mixchelle Dawn - MO
31. Russell, Mary Jo
32. Smith, Sheila Delois
33. Stidham, Prentiss Detmer
34. Thompson, Jana S.
35. Walsh, Katherine Sue

AUDIO

1. Bush, Dana Elaine
2. Childs, Regina Hope
3. McArthur, Katherine R.
4. Smith, Susan Michele Good
5. Sanders, Stacy Leann

RECIPROCITY

SPEECH

AUDIO

REINSTATEMENT

SPEECH

1. Layton, Meredith Robertson

AUDIO

1. Eagon, Steven Edward
2. Moss, Arlene S.
3. Renninger, Jr., Michael David

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